

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/564,411 Confirmation No. 8978  
Applicant : Wallace et al.  
Filed : 01/11/2006  
For : WATERTIGHT JOINT  
T.C./A.U. : 3754  
Examiner : James F. Hook  
  
Docket No. : 201144.00006  
Customer No. : 021324

**Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**AMENDMENT and RESPONSE**

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** - none

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** - none

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

This paper is being filed in response to the outstanding Office Action dated June 25, 2009 in which the Examiner set a shortened statutory period of 3 months for reply. October 25, 2009 was a Sunday. This paper is being filed on October 26, 2009, the immediately following Monday, and is thus believed to be properly filed with a request for a one-month extension of time. However, applicant hereby makes a conditional request for any additional extensions of time if any are required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due as a result of or in connection with the filing of this Response to Deposit Account No. 15-0450.